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DAYLILIES

Hardy All Over America

Russell Gardens

SPRING, TEXAS

COLOR INDEX PAGE 31



A small part of our thirty acres of Hemerocallis, more than a million plants



HOUSTON'S CITY HALL. *Planting of Russell Hybrid Daylilies Exclusively*



Part of the Russell Gardens

Just What Are Daylilies?

WHERE, HOW AND WHEN SHOULD WE PLANT DAYLILIES

Daylilies are not bulbs. They are herbaceous perennials that should be planted from a single, well-formed, vigorous root. The first season should produce one to three bloom stems with from five to twenty flowers on each stem; if left undisturbed, the clump will increase in size and give many more bloom stems with more and larger blooms to the stem, every year thereafter. After six or seven years the clumps may be taken up and divided, and if some soil is left on the roots the clump can be halved or quartered. If it is not possible to leave enough soil on the roots, then it is better to plant individual divisions with one, two or three crowns.

There are varieties that grow 12 inches tall and others 2, 3 and even 4 feet or more high; some have blooms not much larger than a half dollar, and others are larger than a salad plate. Then you must, of course, understand that different varieties bloom at different seasons of the year. Each variety blooms from four to six weeks after becoming established, and by careful planning one can have profuse flowers in the garden from four to six months of the year.

We never introduce a new variety here at our nursery until it has produced as many as 300 bloom buds in its third season and every year thereafter and is thoroughly tested for every desirable characteristic. Imagine, if you can, an array of these gorgeous flowers in your garden—every clump producing an abundance of blooms in colors selected by yourself. No disease has ever been known to touch a Daylily. We have never spent 5c for insecticide in our nurseries.

Daylilies will grow in the hottest sun or partial shade. I do not recommend them in locations where they don't get at least half sun. They can be planted in groups of three to five in the gaps between the shrubs that are usually naked at the ground; their lovely clean foliage will solve that problem by filling unsightly bare spots. Many people use them for naturalizing through partially shaded woods. I sold 33,000 Daylilies for that purpose to seven customers alone last season. I will be glad to give you the names of these clients if you are interested. Our varieties have proved hardy from Maine to California and they have never been equaled for dependability by any other garden subject.

You who have grown Daylilies need no advice as to their culture, for you know all about their miraculous performance. It's to you who have not grown them yet that I give this brief in-

formation: In planting Daylilies simply spread out the roots, cover them with only 1 inch or so of soil, and water. I like to plant Daylilies from 18 inches to 3 feet apart, depending on the variety. When your plants arrive not all of the roots will be the same size; that depends altogether on the variety. Some varieties with the largest bloom have smaller plants, while some small blooms have huge, robust plants. Use the low-growing varieties for the foreground of your perennial borders and rock gardens and the taller kinds interspersed among your annual and perennial beds, along the banks of streams, pools, etc.

When you find some plants in bloom and you wish to change their location, simply take a spade, leaving some soil on the roots, and move them while in bloom. Then water them immediately. In all my experience I believe that any time is the best time to plant Daylilies, provided you get them in the ground a month or six weeks before your severest freezes. Even if the temperature is 15 or 20 degrees below zero, it will not injure the Daylilies. They are perfectly hardy—they can really take it. The flowering time mentioned in this catalogue for each variety is for Texas; it will be about a month to six weeks later in extremely cold climates.

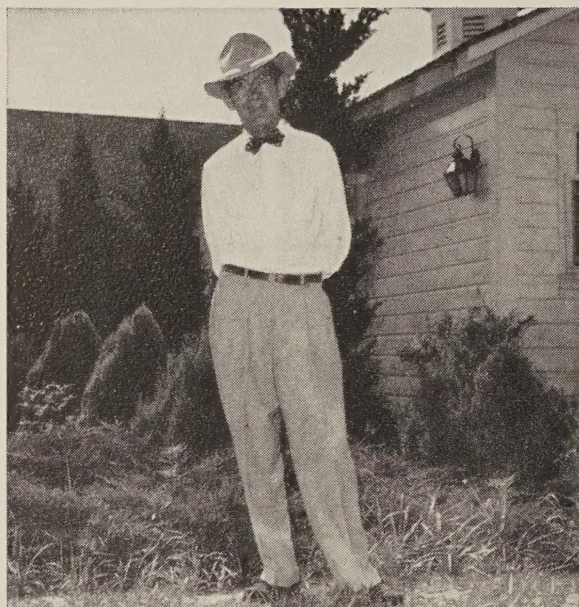
If you like a particular color, you can order several different varieties in that color that bloom at different times and give you a prolonged blooming season of from four to six months, depending on location. Leave your Daylily clumps alone and they will continue to grow larger and more compact and give you more bloom each season. After five or six years they can be taken up and divided, but I have seen clumps of Daylilies growing undisturbed in the same location and blooming most profusely from fifteen to twenty years. Remember, our plants are tested and proved hardy and you shouldn't lose one plant out of a thousand because of your weather conditions.

I believe Texas-grown Daylilies are better because of the husky, vigorous root growth they have when they are shipped from our nursery. You may order when you like and we will hold your plants until you wish them delivered. Order early to avoid the disappointment of some varieties being sold out.

RUSSELL GARDENS
SPRING, TEXAS

Please Note—IMPORTANT

The size of the illustrations in this catalog is no indication of the actual size of the bloom. Some varieties shown here in a small illustration are actually much larger than some of the large photographs. The description of each variety will tell you the size of the bloom. Why not use the ruler at the bottom of page 30 in trying to visualize the true size?



H. M. RUSSELL

WE ARE the largest growers of Daylilies in America, now growing thirty acres, more than a million plants of proven merit and a million or so more whose merits are not proven yet, growing on trial. It's our aim to give you the best varieties of Daylilies at the lowest prices in America, and we believe our prices for true to name, quality stock are lower than you will find anywhere. Now doesn't it seem strange that even while our prices are lower than anyone else's that we even have to ask as much as we do, with millions of plants in our fields. But the fact is not all the plants we grow are good ones, not by any means, but if we offer them they must be good. We have many more than a

thousand named varieties, and thousands under number growing for further observation. Not all of these, not even one-tenth, will we find worthy of introduction. Remember, for every worthwhile hybrid developed at this garden, there are many that never make the grade and therefore are not considered worth offering. Then too we grow many varieties of the other breeders for observation. We know we've done a lot of bragging and boasting about our plants being the best on earth. Perhaps you'd like to know something about why we feel that way. I have visited practically every grower of any note in America, and I think in justice to my clients, I should certainly familiarize myself with my subject. We have shipped Daylilies all over Canada and several orders to Alaska (what they do with them in Alaska, I don't know) and received extremely complimentary letters and attesting to their hardiness. The flood of inquiries and orders for our Daylilies has sent such a volume of mail through the local postoffice that its rating was raised from fourth to second class—all because of our mail orders, and this year they are building a new postoffice to have larger quarters for our mailing.

All of you who have received my previous catalogs have seen the pictures of my son, Jacob Murray Russell, and you've heard the story how proud I have always been of Jake. At A. & M. College of Texas he graduated a year ago an honor student in business administration, distinguished in military science and was made captain of his company. It's Jake's intentions to practically run this concern. I believe he can do a better job than I did giving you better varieties, better quality plants, and better service in every way, and I am positive that is his intention, to do his best.



JAKE, H. M. the 3rd, MARY and J. M., Jr.



FRANCES, SAMMY, PATTIE, H. M. Jr. and ANNIS FAYE RUSSELL

A Message from Jake

I was practically born in a Daylily field. My father's been working with Daylilies before I can remember and frankly that's all I know and I know now the "bug" has actually got me. While I believe my father has done more to publicize Daylilies than anyone and produced better varieties than anyone, I insisted at the finishing of my school that I would not be a "yes" man to my father. While to me he is the greatest guy on earth I don't see eye to eye with him on every point. Thanks to fate or whatever you call it, I have never found my father difficult and in the many conferences we have held and from all I've seen of the other growers I'm sure that we can give you better stock, more vigorous plants of better varieties, and at lower prices than you will

obtain from any other source. I do not come to this nursery now as one who pretends to know more than the older folks. But I have covered fifty thousand miles checking other grower's stock and I do believe I'm qualified in my line. Dad hasn't done so bad; I'm fully aware he started this nursery on a dime and I know it could not have been built to the position it holds on dreams alone. I'm starting here knowing he's the largest grower on earth and it's my business to help keep him in that position but I realize we have got to the point now where my dad has got to have some help and I believe I'm just the man that can do it—let's see as we go on down the line; time usually tells.

*Every variety offered in this Catalog is
a Russell Origination*

A COMPLIMENT FROM DETROIT

July 6, 1950

Dear Mr. Russell:

I thought you would be interested in knowing the Daylilies that were planted in northern Michigan came through the winter perfectly, in spite of 28° below zero. The plants arrived in perfect condition and are thriving in extremely poor soil. It looks like Russell Daylilies will grow beautifully anywhere.

Sincerely,

Lou R. Maxon
Maxon, Inc.
2761 Jefferson Ave.
Detroit 7, Mich.



MRS. H. M. RUSSELL

*We sold Mr. Maxon over 10,000 plants during
the past few years for his private estate.*

RUSSELL GARDENS, SPRING, TEXAS



Newly Planted Daylilies at Our Home

I built this house a few seasons ago and this picture was made before the house and grounds were finished—I wanted to get my garden started as early as possible. It's a huge 11-room house with 4 baths. I wanted to build it large enough, especially so that we would have room for our large family and the many out-of-state visitors who have visited our gardens every year. We have had as many as 12,000 visitors in our fields on one Sunday and if you ever get a chance to visit us during the blooming season I promise you a treat you won't easily forget.

Why We Believe Our Daylilies Top Them All

Here in Texas we can grow Daylilies faster and with a more vigorous root, we believe, than can anyone else. We've got about a 9-months growing season with enough hard freezes to burst unprotected water pipes and harden up the plants to stand the severest northern climates. Our many letters of compliments from the different sections of our country and Canada attest to that fact. I don't think anyone has a right to say he has the best or knows so much of any subject until he's gotten around and seen what the other fellows have and are doing. I have made it my business to cover the grounds of most growers and have acquired, when possible, for many years what I thought was the best of the other fellows' varieties to use in our cross breeding. This, of course, has made it necessary for us to take in vast acres and grow many kinds for trial. In the end not many of the varieties ever reach our catalog. I have paid \$50.00 and \$100.00 and up to \$250.00 for a single plant because it had a qualification that I thought was necessary in furthering a particular line breed. Several people have told me that they thought it was astonishing that I would pay such a price in some cases for just one plant—"Don't you have better ones?" they would ask. Well, I really think I had better ones, but for a particular line of color that I wanted and thought it would fit in with some that I already had, I made this purchase and honestly I can say, never once in my life have I been wrong on these points—cross breeding is not accidental in our work. I think it only fair to you, my customers, and believe me there are 160,000 of you on my list that have written me directly for my catalog, that if I expect to stay in the business and crow over the fact that I have the largest and best planting, I should make every effort to offer you the best. I am not capable of explaining to you what lengths I have gone to that I might offer you the best, and I ask you in all sincerity to please examine carefully this catalog and the quality of our plants at such unheard-of low prices and judge for yourselves what can be done by a fellow if he really wants to specialize. I appreciate your orders in the past and would be happy if you would inform your friends of our gardens that they too might have this catalog. It's this way that most of our business is attained. Never once have we bought a mailing list, nor will we ever. Never once have we sold a copy of our mailing list, nor will we ever. It's through you who have come to us directly or through your friends that this business was built, and I promise you that it's our intention to remain the largest grower in America or do our best trying.

Now Everybody Can Afford These Lovely New Jewels

Concerning Our Prices and Varieties

While we are growing fourteen solid acres of Daylilies, it must be understood that not all of them are good varieties; in fact, a great part of our entire fields we consider strictly trash—just as you will find in any breeder's field. We plowed under many thousand hybrids this season as not worthy garden subjects. We grow thousands of our own under number, as well as hundreds of varieties from other breeders for comparison and only when a plant has proved its worth and produces more than 300 blooms in its third season's growth do we ever introduce it.

Daylilies are not bulbs but are hardy herbaceous roots and really can be considered the least expensive flower on earth, for they will give you more in return for less care than any flower you could possibly grow, and at the same time increase in beauty from year to year. I would not think of dividing and separating my plants until they have been growing five or six years or even more, because you'll get far more bloom from one established clump than you will from many small plants. When you consider the thousands of plants we destroy in order to select one good variety that will live on and on, the price we ask is, after all, very small. We are happy to be the first large grower in America to give you these modest prices, but then we are here where we get ten months' growing season and enough severe freezes to burst unprotected water pipes and kill out all tender vegetation and at the same time harden up the Daylilies. We can naturally produce them faster, we believe, than anywhere on earth.

When you have finished this catalog, won't you pass it along to a friend, or better still—have him or her order one.

***We are the only nursery in the world that could furnish as many as
5,000 to 10,000 each of 75 or 100 top varieties.***

Evergreen and Dormant Varieties

Much comment is being made today as to which are evergreen and which are dormant Daylilies. In our climate we can readily grow both, and I am marking each variety for you. We have moving pictures showing our Daylilies in the dead of winter, with about half the field evergreen and half completely dormant, showing ice in the rows where water stood. These movies are available to your garden clubs, showing millions of blooms. I do not believe it matters too much whether a Daylily is evergreen or dormant, except, of course, that in the warmer sections where you can grow both, it's well to have evergreen, because you can have just as lovely blooms and the foliage, too. Many varieties that are evergreen by nature are dormant in the extreme North and are thought by many to be of that natural habit.

Now, my main reason for making this issue is that of the four or five hundred varieties of other northern and eastern growers' Daylilies that I grow here for observation more than 90 percent are evergreen here in the South. In fact, of all the varieties of Stout's that I have, more than 90 percent are absolutely evergreen here, and they were originated in New York City. Those that were originated farther up in New England are likewise practically all evergreen here. As for their blooming and growing qualities, I would class them along with the others, except, of course, that we believe the quality of our own varieties surpasses them all. It was one of our Daylilies which took highest honors for a variety other than yellow in the first poll of the Midwest Hemerocallis Society, grown in Iowa, and classed as dormant, though in reality it is evergreen in most sections. I sincerely believe 99½ percent of all Daylilies are hardy in the entire four corners of America.

VARIETIES SOLD SHORT

We have received many letters from competent growers asking us why we fail to list certain varieties and our answer is simple: since we've been in business, we've hardly ever offered a variety that wasn't completely sold out that season, and we had to take it off the market until we worked up enough stock to offer it again. Some of these varieties you will find listed here for the first time in several seasons, and many of these we're sure won't last the season through.

OUR SHIPPING SEASON:

FEB. 15 to OCT. 15

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New 1951 Introductions

In selecting these new varieties to introduce, I only wish that I could describe them according to their true merits. No, these are not described well, not by any means, because frankly I'm not capable of describing these varieties that I have chosen this year. I am only doing the best I know how, but I'll say this, that they were selected from tens and tens of thousands that I've been growing for observation, under number. I was asked several seasons ago by the greatest authorities on Daylilies to put these on the market, but it had never been my policy to introduce a Daylily until I had sufficient stock, or thought I did, to list it at a price that everyone could afford. But we issue many catalogs, and even with our stock, we don't always have enough to go around. I was amazed this past season, while visiting other growers, to learn that most of them introduced their varieties when they have only one or two clumps. I didn't wonder they had to price them so high. I personally wish to state that all these varieties listed here now are the best I have ever offered and their descriptions are certainly understatements, for they are more beautiful than I can describe.

The blooming season given here is for Texas; for gardeners in the North, they will usually be a month later.

NEW 1951 INTRODUCTIONS

DAINTY BESS. Dormant.

Quite the proper name for this lovely 5-inch flower with rich golden ruffled petals, so wide they overlap its sepals at the base of its tiny lemon throat. An extremely fast grower. Ht. 2½ ft. May, June, again in September. \$1.00.

EASTWIND. Dormant.

This true pale lemon has a greenish overcast and the petals and sepals twist in an exotic way as does no other Daylily; its wide petals recurve. 5-in. bloom. Ht. 2 ft. June, July. \$2.00.

GLIMPSE O'GLORY. Dormant.

Now comes one of the most unique Daylilies. Fully a 6-inch bloom, its petals are the deepest true purple and the sepals are a rich lemon with a chartreuse throat. If ever a Daylily had a place in your garden this one does. Ht. 2 ft. May, June, and again in September. \$2.00.

GOLDEN MOON. Evergreen.

This 4-inch flower with its wide overlapping petals which are ruffled and recurved, is a most delicate shade of light buff-chrome. We have none to compare with this color for real beauty. Ht. 3 ft. June, July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

HELOTES. Semi-Evergreen.

This lovely 5-inch light brown bloom has the wide tipped in petals with a deeper brown eye zone. Quite unique and admired by everyone. Its green throat further enhances its recurved petals. Ht. 3 ft. April, May. \$2.00.

LAMARIA. Evergreen.

A companion plant to Sammy Russell in that other than being dark red it is more of a scarlet orange-red. Same blooming habits; same fast grower. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

MEXIA. Evergreen.

This 4-inch flower is the deepest shade of rose-pink, almost a rose-red. Its coloring is quite unique and hard to describe even in the color charts. Its petals are ruffled and its sepals fully recurved and it actually has a big buff throat. Ht. 2½ ft. June, July. \$2.00.

MODERN GAL. Evergreen.

Well folks, here it is! That huge 8-inch wide-petaled buff so many of you have seen in our fields in bloom. This is not lemon, nor chrome, nor golden but a giant flower of true creamy buff; a solid self. Ht. 3 ft. June, July. \$5.00.

NACHITA. Dormant.

A true black cherry-red with a yellow line across the base of red leading to a true green apple throat; velvety deep veins running through to 4-inch bloom; ruffled and recurved petals. One of the loveliest of the low growing sorts. Ht. 18 in. June, July. \$2.00.

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PINK GLORY. Dormant.

This lovely little 4-inch flower is really rose-pink with a green throat. It has a deep rose eye zone and veins running through the petals. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$2.00.

PINK MIST. Dormant.

Visitors have pleaded with us to introduce this for several years. This is not a salmon but a real shell-pink. Its 4½-inch rounded flower and green apple throat makes this a glorious addition to any garden. Ht. 2½ ft. \$2.00.

PINK PERFECTION. Dormant.

This dainty little true pink with its green star-shaped throat and its fringe flower is one of the most profuse bloomers and surely a jewel for those seeking pinks. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$2.00.

RED DIAMONDS. Dormant.

The richest of all "circus wagon" reds with a velvety texture over its dark red eye zone with rich veins running through its ruffled petals; really a beauty. The sepals are recurved and ruffled; its throat a yellow. 4-inch bloom. Ht. 2 ft. June, July. \$2.00.

SAMMY RUSSELL. Dormant.

This lovely dainty little 2½-inch flower is really a red multiflora and a clump in full bloom is a sight to behold. This is the best late blooming dark red in our fields; is an extremely fast grower. Ht. 2½ ft. August, September. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

SONJA HENIE. Evergreen.

This is quite the most unusual flower in existence as to its blooming habits. We have many recurrent bloomers, that is to say that bloom profusely in the spring and will bloom some again in the fall, but this plant actually has about four blooming seasons in one year and it was named for Miss Henie with her approval upon seeing it in bloom in our fields as late as November. To those of you who want the palest golden buttercup in a nicely rounded 4-inch flower that is almost continuously in bloom, consider this. We are introducing it this year after growing stock for the past eight years. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

SUN CHASER. Evergreen.

A fine brilliant fiery Chinese-red, this is really a true red with a deep golden throat. Its 4½-inch bloom is extremely ruffled and its petals recurved. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$2.00.

VIOLET QUEEN. Dormant.

This is a coloring between light violet and deep orchid with a misty purple cast over the whole 4-inch flower. No other color equals this in our entire planting. Its throat is huge and truly green; ruffled petals and lemon sepals. Ht. 2 ft. May, June. \$2.00.

Our Proven Standbys

These introductions we believe will remain among the best in America for many years to come. They are already proved in every state in the Union and many foreign countries. We never introduce a Daylily until we have grown sufficient stock to list it at a price that everyone can afford. This is no hobby with us, but our living. Before a variety is introduced by us, the original clump must have produced more than 300 blooms by the end of its third season, or it never reaches this catalog. This season we have eliminated from our list many varieties offered by us in the past—some because our stock was too low, and many from other growers that we simply feel not worth listing because better varieties have been originated. Those of you who wish to buy other varieties not appearing in this list may write us; in many cases we can supply the plants. I am also happy to be able to list again this season several varieties that have not appeared in our list for several years, while we renewed our stock.

Our success is due solely to home gardeners. While we are the largest growers of Daylilies in the United States, we still do not have better varieties in sufficient quantities to cater to nurseries at wholesale. I feel that we'd rather get our prices as cheap as we can to offer to you gardeners who have made our business what it is. In making up this catalog, don't you ever forget that I kept you foremost in my thoughts in offering you better varieties at the lowest prices possible. This I feel is the best way to say "thank you" for your confidence in us. We could easily list another 500 varieties of Daylilies in this catalog, but we feel that would be just as silly as for an automobile manufacturer to go back to offering 1920 model automobiles. You can have better Daylilies now and without paying the fancy price charged by some who introduce them when they have only one or two clumps in their back yard. We test ours years before offering them. While they are being tested, our stock is being grown in sufficient quantities to be priced right. Yes, I actually claim ours are the best varieties on earth and offered at the lowest prices, even low enough now that you can plant them in groups of 3 or more at the price some are asking for one. Some of our loveliest new varieties are not shown in color as it's impossible to print them all.

ADAGIO. Dormant.

An unusual, brilliant red, between a fiery red and a black-red, with deeper eye zone. Keeps perfectly. Has a small yellow throat, and for you who are seeking an outstanding red, this is it. 4-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$1.50.

ANOTHER SONG. Dormant.

A gorgeous rosy pink with semi-rounded blooms and deep chartreuse throat. Late in the afternoon after the sun has beaten on it all day, the flower still looks fresh. It is slightly recurved and the ends of the petals are slightly twisted with small veins running through them. 3-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ ft. June, July. \$2.00.



Athlone

ATHLONE. Evergreen.

The petals of this giant bloom are a deep rose with a darker rose eye zone. The sepals are canary-yellow. The first giant bi-color in this particular color pattern I have ever seen with such a gorgeous twisted effect. Rated by every authority as tops, and offered again this season by us, its originator, after an absence of more than four years. Fast grower. Ht. 4 ft. May, June. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

BACKSTAGE. Dormant.

Delicate pink with a golden throat shading to green. Slightly deeper veins run through the ruffled petals. If you want to break the monotony of your yellows and oranges, this will do the job. 3-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ ft. \$2.00.

BAGGETTE. Dormant.

This is truly a dream. Wide rounded petals of palest lemon deeply shaded old-rose, with a deeper old-rose eye zone. One of the most profuse bloomers in our fields and keeps very well. The deeply ruffled petals further enhance its beauty. One of America's best Daylilies. 5-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ ft. April, May. \$1.00 each; 2 for \$2.50.

BELLE OF GEORGIA. Dormant.

A rounded, pale yellow bloom, overcast with the color and markings of a ripe peach, and therefore named for one of the South's best peaches. I've never seen any Daylily with such color pattern as this. Simply a "must-have." 4 to 5-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. April, May. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

RUSSELL GARDENS, SPRING, TEXAS



Black Prince

BERNICE RUSSELL. Evergreen.

This huge flower, like Jewell Russell and Rainbow Chaser, is of the same parentage as Painted Lady. You all know what Painted Lady is. All these plants were originated the same year but we considered these three far superior to Painted Lady in every way as garden subjects, as well as parents for further plant breeding. So we insisted on holding them until we had a large enough stock to meet the demand, as we've never had with Painted Lady. We are sure these three plants will give a far better account of themselves than did Painted Lady. The color of Bernice Russell is what I'd call a most magnificent shade of rosy cinnamon-yellow bordering on brownish but to me far more appealing than Painted Lady because it does not have the depth of brown. This is the best I can describe it. 7-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ ft. April, May. \$3.00.

BETTY SLICK. Semi-Evergreen.

This is a real bi-color the size and shape of Hyperion, the sepals being the same color as Hyperion. The wide petals are a most brilliant rosy red. 3 feet. June, July. \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00.

BLACK HILLS. Dormant.

Really black-red, keeping well and glistening in contrast with other colors. A real "honey." 4-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. June, July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

BLACK PRINCE. Dormant.

Now you can have Black Prince for a limited time at this unheard-of price. Rated as one of the loveliest really black-red Daylilies, with a small yellow cup in throat. Keeps perfectly. Has widest petals and sepals of an even color. 4½-inch bloom. Ht. 3½ ft. April, May. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

BLACK SHADOWS. Dormant.

This red Daylily is almost black—has widest petals, purple veins and a deep green throat. Petals are recurved. Blooms profusely in May and June and again in August and September and defies hottest sun. 4-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ ft. \$2.00.

BREEZE. Evergreen.

Old-rose overcast rich wine; the petals and sepals are colored alike, with a faint white stripe and a green throat. Fine texture. The rounded bloom is 4 inches across. One of my favorites among all old-rose colors. Semi-dwarf. Ht. 2 ft. April to June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

OUR PROVEN STANDBYS

CAPITOLA. Dormant.

The wide ruffled and crinkled petals are rich rose with a buff-colored mid-rib and a deeper rose eye zone. Sepals are a real buff-yellow and the throat sulphur-green. Slightly recurved. Keeps well in the evening. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

CAPTAIN BLOOD. Dormant.

This plant was sent to several growers in scattered areas throughout the United States, and the comments it brought were the same as from the visitors in our fields—wonderful beyond words. Its extremely wide petals, so full they are almost rounded, are a beautiful shade of glistening velvety red with a slightly deeper, wide, rich eye zone blending to a lovely brown-red. The sepals are a shade lighter, with pencil veins. Its throat is light chrome, shading to the deepest green in the center. The flowers keep far into the night. I was determined not to release this variety until I had sufficient stock, regardless of much pressure by gardening enthusiasts. Put this down as one of my prides. 5-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

CHINA ROSE. Dormant.

This is a real rosy red with a light midrib in each petal and a yellow trace around the entire flower. The throat is green and the petals are ruffled. 4½-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. April, May, and again July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

COMET. Dormant.

A lovely giant bicolor. The sepals are lemon, the petals a distinct rose. A sensation in our field and offered again after being taken off the market to increase our stock. 7-inch bloom. Ht. 3½ ft. May, June, and again in late summer. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

DESERT STAR. Dormant.

This buff has a shape entirely different from other Daylilies. It resembles a floret of a huge delphinium. The petals are ruffled, as though you had taken a needle and thread and sewed pleats in them! Holds its face slightly upright as does no other Daylily, its green throat enhances the beauty of this buff. Fast multiplier and we held this plant for a full increase. 4-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ ft. April, May. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Black Hills

OUR PROVEN STANDBYS

DRESS REHEARSAL. Evergreen.

Offered again after an absence of almost three years while growing enough stock. Petals and sepals are salmon-pink with old-rose eye zone; the throat is yellow. These larger, widely open, full blooms will give added beauty to any garden. Keeps well in the evening. Ht. 3½ ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

EDITH RUSSELL. Evergreen.

This is the first Daylily I have seen which has sepals darker than its petals. Its wide petals completely overlap the sepals and a part of the next petal. The color is a shade of yellow I have never before seen—not chrome, cream, nor lemon, but exactly the color of sulphur with rose veins, profusely ruffled. The huge open throat is a slightly deeper shade of sulphur. Sepals are the deepest rose sprinkled with gold dust, as though a jeweler had taken powdered gold and done this work. The flower holds up. 4½-in. bloom. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

EMILY BROWN. Dormant.

A deep yellow Daylily with texture like leather and a sheen that absolutely glistens in the sun. Its wide, 5-inch bloom is really breath-taking, and I am proud to be responsible for the introduction of this jewel of jewels. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$3.00 each; 2 for \$5.00.

FAIRYLAND. Dormant.

A real pink with a buff-chartreuse throat. The petals are slightly ruffled, truly almost a baby pink. 4-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. June, July. \$2.00.

FLAMING SWORD. Dormant.

Deep flaming red variety, with satiny finish, opening wide. Its blooms are small but profuse and come at a season when there are few real reds in bloom. Then its medium height makes it quite unusual. No picture can do it justice. 3½-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Flaming Sword



Frances Russell

FRANCES RUSSELL. Dormant.

After many years, I chose this Daylily to name for Mrs. Russell. Its wide, overlapping petals are palest lemon with a rich overcast of lavender and a wide, slightly deeper lavender eye zone and huge yellow throat. Sepals are lemon, with a faint lavender edge. The unusual thing about it is that the buds begin to open in the evening and remain open all night and all the next day until long after the next night's buds have opened, making two complete sets of bloom at a time. Its huge blooms are 6 inches across. May, June. \$3.00 each; 2 for \$5.00.

FULVA ROSEA. (Species) Dormant.

The most beautiful of any wild species of Hemerocallis. The flowers are rose-pink, on a graceful stalk. Ht. 3½ ft. June, July. \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00.

GARDEN OF ROSES. Dormant.

The 4½-inch blooms are pale rose to deep salmon, with a deeper eye zone and a green throat. Extremely outstanding. Ht. 4 ft. June, July. \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00.

GLORY OF TEXAS.

This huge 6-inch flower with wide overlapping petals is a most unusual shade of burgundy-wine, fully ruffled, with a rich green throat and a wide, almost white, up-raised midrib in each petal. The sepals are gold deeply sprinkled with a vivid shade of burgundy. This flower is excellent as a cut flower because it stays open so late at night. Ht. 2½ ft. June, July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

GOLD MEADOWS. Dormant.

Stiff petals of a leathery texture, light canary-lemon, slightly ruffled. Unusually tall and stately. This variety could be used in place of a tall shrub, and I have counted as many as 700 buds on a three-year-old plant. 4-inch bloom. Ht. 4½ ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

GREAT MOMENTS. Dormant.

This lovely rich Chinese red gleaming in the hottest sun is really hard to describe. While it is not a large flower, being only 3½ inches across, it's one of the most profuse-blooming things you could imagine. How a color can be so brilliant and yet so subdued is hard for me to describe, but that's the way it is, and it will be a red in your garden you will always love. Ht. 2½ ft. June, July. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

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HAPPY DAYS. Evergreen.

This beautiful 5-inch bloom of the palest lemon has a deep apple-green throat. The faintest trace of powdered rose on the edge of its ruffled petals is hardly discernible; hence we are placing it in the lemon group. The loveliest thing grown in this color, which surely outdoes any lemon variety I have ever seen. Ht. 2½ ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Helen Champlin

HELEN CHAMPLIN. Evergreen.

This giant bloom is 6 to 7 inches across, of the most magnificent shade of buff-yellow, and keeps perfectly as a cut flower. A grand variety named in honor of a grand lady who has done as much for the encouragement of garden clubs as perhaps any woman in America. Priced comparatively low, because it multiplies reasonably fast. Note the size of this magnificent flower compared to that of an ordinary Daylily. Ht. 2½ ft. May, June. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

IN OUR TIME. (1948). Dormant.

Wide 6-inch bloom. Deepest rose over pale lemon. Petals and sepals ruffled. Big wide yellow throat shades to green. One of the very best. Offered again after several seasons' withdrawal while we grew more stock. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Jewell Russell

JEWELL RUSSELL. Evergreen.

This 7 to 8-inch bloom is pale lemon. Its petals are ruffled and recurved, and its foliage is blackish green. People for the past three seasons have pleaded with me to introduce it, but I had no intention of doing so until we had increased stock so that we could offer it at a reasonable price. Ht. 3 ft. \$3.00 each; 2 for \$5.00.



Count the Blooms on This Three-Year-Old Row

J. T. RUSSELL. Evergreen.

This magnificent lemon color is 6 inches across of the loveliest form you will ever find in a Daylily with a true deep cinnamon red eye zone that gives the contrast of color that will cause you to gasp when it's really at its best. To show the profusion of bloom of this variety, we are showing it in the nursery row on this page, by the side of some varieties that do not bloom as profuse. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

JUST MARY. Dormant.

Red veins running through a yellow background, shading into a rich green throat. As many as seven blooms open at once on a stem, and 40 to 75 buds on a stem. 5-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. May to July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



A Single Stem of Just Mary

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Lamarque

LAMARQUE. Evergreen.

This very wide-petaled, rich buttercup-yellow bloom is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches across. The petals overlap and are extremely ruffled. It keeps excellently in the evening, making it suitable for a cut flower. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.



Lest You Forget

LEST YOU FORGET. Dormant.

Rich Chinese red with a beautiful velvety sheen. Petals ruffled and slightly recurved. Its chrome throat shades to green at the base. 4-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. April, May, and again July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

LILLIAN RUSSELL. Evergreen.

Now comes a new break in colors. The petals are rich rose slightly overcast with lavender; the sepals are lemon, deeply sprinkled with rose, ruffled and slightly reflexed. This big, full bloom is 6 inches across, with wide petals that overlap. It has a huge sulphur-green throat. Its habit of growth and the size and form are like that of Hyperion, but the texture is far superior, making it wonderful as a cut flower because it stays open so long at night. A most prolific bloomer and a vigorous grower. Ht. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. May, June. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

LOVE CALL. Dormant.

This fine rosy pink with its deeper eye zone and wide-open, star-shaped, yellow throat is a much wider bloom than Fulva Rosea and a much better pink. Its sepals are slightly recurved. $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. June, July. \$2.00.



Mamie Lake

MAMIE LAKE. Evergreen.

This grand variety was named for the past President of the Texas Federation of Garden Clubs and is one of the most unusual color breaks ever found in a Daylily. It has a huge, 7 to 9-inch bloom with petals of the richest rosy orchid with a deeper rosy eye zone and lemon-yellow sepals, with a huge lemon throat shading to green. The petals are ruffled and an established clump is very beautiful. Ht. 4 ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

MARGARET PALMER. Evergreen.

This beautiful flower was named for the garden editor of the *Houston Press*. A lovely rounded bloom with wide overlapping petals of soft red, not so dark as some, and a lovely red-cardinal eye zone. The sepals are yellow, overcast red. Yellow throat. $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bloom. Ht. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Lillian Russell

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MARY GRAVES. Dormant.

This big, full, 6-inch, creamy buff flower was named for the past President of the Houston Federation of Garden Clubs and well merits that honor. Slightly ruffled and recurved. Ht. 3 ft. June, July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

MARY GUENTHER.

Brilliantly contrasting bi-color of carmine-red and clear yellow. July, August. Ht. 3 ft. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

MARY RICE FULLER. (Russell 1943.)

Canary-yellow petals with rosy brown eye zone, lemon-yellow sepals. Ht. 3½ ft. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Monte

MONTE. Dormant.

I could never offer this variety now at this price were it not for the fact that it is such a profuse multiplier. Its fully rounded, wide petals are 6 to 7 inches across and extremely ruffled. Alternate petals are lemon, the other three being deep rosy brown. One of the largest bi-colors grown and in great demand. Ht. 3 ft. April, May, and again July. \$3.00 each; 2 for \$5.00.



Moongate

MOONGATE. Evergreen.

Canary-yellow with wide twisted petals of the firmest texture. The sepals recurve and it has a green throat. 5-inch bloom. A very fast multiplier and we are pricing it accordingly. Ht. 3½ ft. April, May. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Mrs. B. F. Bonner

MRS. B. F. BONNER. Evergreen.

This Daylily, in my opinion, beats any pale lemon in existence today. It is the color of Hyperion, but much larger, with wider petals and better texture. It lasts longer in the evening, has a much longer blooming season, and is far more profuse in bloom than Hyperion. 6-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ to 3 ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Mrs. Hugh Johnson

MRS. HUGH JOHNSON. Dormant.

Fiery red with a lovely satiny finish and small yellow throat. The wide petals and sepals are slightly reflexed and open full. Stands our hottest sun and remains open evenings. 4½-inch bloom. Ht. 3½ ft. April, May, June. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

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Mt. Vernon

MT. VERNON. Dormant.

This full, wide flower is lemon, deeply overcast coral-rose. It multiplies fast, blooms profusely and is an excellent keeper as a cut flower. If you want something really different in Daylilies, here it is. 5-inch bloom. Ht. 2½ ft. April to June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

NIAZUMA. Dormant.

This 4½-inch bloom has the loveliest shape you could ever imagine. Its petals are wide, fully ruffled and slightly recurved. It is a shade of the richest brilliant fiery red, with deeper mahogany veins through the petals. The throat is green and the ruffled sepals have a faint lemon edge. A profuse bloomer, admired by all. Ht. 3 ft. June, July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

NOKOMIS. Evergreen.

This giant variety with its huge, 6-inch bloom is a gorgeous shade of red, with a rich fiery red eye zone. While its petals are not the widest, they are far from being narrow. Its deep rich red eye zone extends down to the canary-yellow throat. Really a lovely and more glorified Rose of Texas and multiplies fast. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$1 00.

NOSIESTA. Evergreen.

Nosiesta is aptly named, since it seems never to stop blooming in our fields. It really has more than two blooming seasons here. The plant is a fast grower and has a most unusual deep yellow flower, almost chrome color, blending perfectly with paler varieties. 6-inch bloom. Ht. 3½ ft. April, May. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

PAINTED LADY. Evergreen.

We developed Painted Lady several years ago but have not been able to list it. It's listed in practically every Daylily catalog at prices from \$6.00 to \$15.00 each. So many people have tried to buy it direct from us, but we simply could not grow stock fast enough. But this past season we secured plants from several sources that had obtained it from us in the past, and I'm able to list it again. The huge blooms are 8 to 9 inches across and the color is cinnamon over yellow, with darker veins throughout. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$4.00 each; 3 for \$10.00.



Painted Lady

PARAMOUNT. Evergreen.

This wide-petaled Daylily of rich red, ruffled and slightly recurved, is an unusually profuse bloomer. Its stiff, erect stems are something to remember on a well-established clump. A fast multiplier and one that certainly needs no pampering. Ht. 2½ ft. June, July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Paramount

*Russell's
Minuet*

(See pages 18 and 21 for price.)

PERSONAL APPEARANCE. Dormant.

A very late, very profuse bloomer. Its 5-inch blooms open full. The petals are pale yellow, ruffled, and the sepals are a deeper gold-canary, slightly recurved. You've wanted a late bloomer with large flowers, so here it is. Ht. 2 ft. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

PURPLE PRINCE. Dormant.

Truly one of the loveliest orchid purples with a full 4½-inch rounded flower that defies the hottest sun. Offered again, after an absence of several years. Many nurseries are listing it at up to \$10.00 each. Ht. 2½ ft. May, June. \$4.00 each; 3 for \$10.00.

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Purple Sage

PURPLE SAGE. Dormant.

One of the darkest and finest wine-purples. The petals are ruffled, with a slightly yellow mid-rib and a large golden throat. The 4½-inch bloom keeps well. Ht. 3 ft. April, May. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Purple Waters

PURPLE WATERS. Evergreen.

The 4½-inch flowers open full and are slightly reflexed, with ruffled petals of a deep rich wine color. The throat is greenish yellow. Keeps perfectly in the evening. Ht. 3 ft. April, May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

QUEEN OF DALLAS. Evergreen.

This lovely 6-inch, extremely ruffled flower is buff-yellow with faint fulvous markings. I have yet to see a visitor in my fields who wasn't almost spellbound by its beauty. I have never been able until this year to have enough stock of this plant. Ht. 3½ ft. May, June. \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00.

QUOTE ME. Evergreen.

You can quote me. This is the loveliest of all the giant-flowered sorts. Its wide bloom is 8 inches across. A solid self between deep yellow and light chrome, with wide, ruffled petals and slightly recurved sepals. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.



Queen of Gonzales

QUEEN OF GONZALES. Evergreen.

A huge, wide-petaled, early bloomer, about 6 inches across. Its color is the deepest gold, almost chrome, and lasts longer after being cut than any Daylily I have ever seen. The plant here is almost a constant bloomer, but its most profuse season is April and May. This variety and Mrs. B. F. Bonner were listed in the *Flower Grower*, August 1945, as two of the best Daylilies, regardless of price. Ht. 3 ft. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Ramona Seeligson

RAMONA SEELIGSON. Evergreen.

An unusual, 8 to 9-inch bloom shaped like an orchid. The long, rich brownish red petals are slightly overcast with a misty purple that twists and twirls in several directions. Yellow, twisted sepals. Breath-takingly lovely. Ht. 2½ ft. April, May, and again in July. \$2.00.

RED CINDERELLA. Dormant.

A brilliant Chinese red, with a satiny sheen and an orange throat. The petals of the 4½-inch flower are wide and ruffled and slightly recurved. This is what we'd term a real circus-wagon red, and in full bloom it shows off a block away. Ht. 2½ ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

RED MOON. Dormant.

This lovely deep cinnamon-red, huge, 5½-inch flower has a deeper red eye zone and red veins through the petals, with a green throat. It was completely sold out every season; only this year were we able to catch up. No Daylily in its color class has such a glorious display of veins. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00.

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ROSE BEAUTY. Dormant.

While not so deep a rose color as some, this is far from salmon. Visitors to our fields call it pink. Its wide petals and slightly ruffled sepals are unusually recurved. The texture is almost like leather, with a sulphur throat shading to green at the base. Probably the best in its class. Quite a late bloomer and multiplies fast. 4½-inch bloom. Ht. 3½ ft. June, July. \$1.50.



Rose of Texas

ROSE OF TEXAS. Dormant.

Rosy red, almost fiery red but lighter. A very fast grower. 4-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. April, May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

RUSSELL'S GLADIATOR. Dormant.

Magnificent in the garden day and night and even lovelier in the house as a cut flower. Deepest golden yellow with a wide salmon eye zone and a rich green throat. Its wide petals have a glorious twisted and recurved shape. You have been asking for Daylilies that stay open; then I assure you in this variety you are getting just that. 5-inch bloom. Ht. 3½ ft. April, May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

RUSSELL'S MINUET. Dormant.

A dwarf Daylily with 4½-inch blooms, ideal for rock gardens or the foreground of the border. The wide, overlapping petals are rich rose, ruffled, with a wide yellow stripe down the center. The sepals are pale canary. A fast multiplier. Stems stand erect and are simply enveloped in bloom. Ht. 20 to 24 in. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50. See page 16 for photo.



Ruth Zant

RUTH ZANT. Evergreen.

This 5-inch flower of light yellow, wide petals, has a pinched effect. The red of the petal tips runs down to the canary throat. We have selected it for its intense beauty and profuse bloom. 5-inch bloom. Ht. 2 ft. May, June. \$1.50.

SAN PEDRO. Evergreen.

A beautiful true canary color. Its petals are rich canary-gold and its sepals slightly deeper. Remains open at night and can be used as a cut flower until almost midnight. Of the thickest texture, with 30 to 40 buds on a stem. 7-inch bloom. Ht. 3½ ft. May to July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

SCARLET PRINCESS. Evergreen.

This lovely orange red flower is 4½ inches across, most profuse bloomer, with its brilliant ruffled petals fully recurved, a distinct but narrow yellow margin around the edges of each petal and sepal. A real jewel. Keeps well. Height 3 ft. March, April, May. \$1.50 each; 3 for \$4.00.



Sideshow

SIDESHOW. Evergreen.

Now comes one of the most magnificent buff-yellow, extremely wide-petaled Daylilies. Its huge, fully rounded, 5-inch bloom is admired by every visitor to our fields. Blooms twice, and at the second blooming season the flowers have a tendency to come double. Ht. 2½ ft. April, May, and again July and August. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

SILVER STARS. Evergreen.

Ever see a green Daylily? This is one—really a chartreuse-green, not just the green cast of some Daylilies but true chartreuse-green, the loveliest I've ever seen. Its petals are not so wide but are fairly twisted and recurved. In a flower arrangement it's the most exotic thing imaginable, keeping far into the night. Huge, flaring 7-inch bloom. I've never seen a customer who didn't want this plant, but other than the few we've sent out for test purposes, we refused to sell it until we had a large stock. May, June. \$2.00.

SUSAN. Dormant.

The flower is 6 inches across. The ruffled petals are a rich brilliant red with a canary stripe in the center of each. The sepals are yellow in the center with a rosy red outer edge and to enhance this color combination further, there is a huge star-shaped green throat. A very profuse bloomer and a lovely companion for Glory of Texas and Mrs. B. F. Bonner, being so strikingly different. A fast multiplier. Ht. 3½ ft. June, July. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

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*Silver
Dust*

SILVER DUST. Dormant.

This pale lemon, ruffled and crinkled flower is a magnificent thing in an established clump. Its wide petals look like crepe paper, and it keeps perfectly as a cut flower. $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bloom. Ht. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. April, May. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.



Skylark

SKYLARK. Dormant.

I could write pages about this one and not say enough. It is the most beautiful shade of lemon with thick texture and a faint green throat. This tall, erect, 4-foot variety carries a multitude of blooms $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 inches across, slightly recurved, slightly ruffled, and remains open until 10 or 11 o'clock at night. It will be many a year before it is surpassed in beauty and dependability, and it is a fast grower. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

We could literally offer thousands of letters of testimony, with many more from such far-away places as South Africa and Hawaii, but space does not allow it. We are grateful for them all, and while they were accompanied by a few complaining letters too, most of the complaints were about minor faults of our own that were readily adjusted.



Taj Mahal

TAJ MAHAL. Evergreen.

Rich chrome color with a velvety sheen and a wide eye zone of the richest purple-red. The fact that it grows only 2 feet high and is a blaze of bloom makes it one of the jewels in our fields. A bowlful combined with a lemon-colored variety is especially pleasing. Multiplies fast. 5-inch bloom. Very early. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



Tejas

TEJAS. Dormant.

Brilliant circus-wagon red with velvety sheen. Only a $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4-inch flower, but very abundant. It has a deeper red eye zone with darker veins and a deep yellow throat. Petals are slightly twisted and sepals recurved. A fast grower. Ht. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. April, May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

1950

I have a lot of your Daylilies, and they are really beautiful. I never had nicer blooms.

Mrs. E. F. Hammond
Rt. 1
Skidmore, Mo.

1950

Perhaps you will be interested in knowing how beautiful your lilies bloomed for us here in southwest Missouri.

Tejas is my favorite of all the reds I grow—so bright and cheerful. Dixie Belle, Clarinade, and Frances Hannay were lovely, too

Miss E. Rowe
Lamar, Mo.

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The Champ

THE CHAMP. Dormant.

This huge, palest of pale yellows has wide overlapping petals with a faint shading of rich copper that can hardly be seen late in the evening. Keeps well in the hottest sun and blooms profusely. Ht. 3 ft. April to June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.



The Director

THE DIRECTOR. Dormant.

A huge, wide flower with overlapping petals, fully ruffled and crinkled like crepe paper. The color is rich wine-red, not a fiery red, with narrow veins of burgundy. The sepals are a shade lighter and the throat is chrome-colored. 5-inch bloom. These flowers are magnificent and more beautiful in the late evening after the sun has played on them all day. Ht. 2½ ft. May, June. \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00.

From "Things Out of the Ordinary"
Flower Grower, December 1947.

DAYLILIES IN PASTEL SHADES

It was my privilege several times this past summer to see a large collection of Russell Gardens' (Spring, Texas) La Gloria series of Daylilies. These are all of pastel colors, and I'm sure would delight any gardener, even if he were a lover of the reds and purples. It was the nicest display of Daylily delights that I have ever seen, and I thought I would always prefer the yellows. This nursery has a Catalog that will delight you also.—C. W. WOOD. (The Ballerina Series on page 24 is an improvement over these.—H. M. R.



Trail of Gold

TRAIL OF GOLD. Evergreen.

Buff-chrome self with huge, twisted petals that are slightly ruffled. In the yellow class, this variety stands in a place all its own. 6-inch bloom. Ht. 3 ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

WAX SOLDIER. Evergreen.

A true old-rose. The flowers are 5 inches across slightly recurved, with a slightly darker eye zone and a rich canary-yellow throat. One of the most gorgeous in this color class. Ht. 3 ft. April, May. \$2.00.

Excerpts from "Southern Florists and Nurserymen,"
December, 1942.

Hybridizing Exploits of Texas Breeder

SPOTLIGHT ON DAYLILIES

Streamlined after 400 years, the Daylily takes the spotlight in horticultural interests. Plant breeders have produced hybrids with giant blossoms of brilliant shades and midget flowers of exquisite texture and the coloring of tropical blooms. H. M. Russell of Spring, Texas, has been hybridizing Daylilies for 21 years, devoting the last nine years exclusively to this genus.

Daylilies grow in sun or partial shade; in acid or lime soil. Resistance to disease and fungi is very high. According to Mr. Russell, not so much as 5 cents has ever been spent on his farms for insecticides.

Hybridizing must extend over a long period. Final results may or may not show the desired color, texture or other qualities the breeder is striving to produce. Ninety-eight percent of the products of hybridizing must be discarded.

Selection is based first on color, then on profuse blooming qualities.

A further test eliminates blossoms lacking durability. Final selection is based upon height and behavior of blooming.

Having achieved the desired results in one hybrid, about seven years are required to produce a hundred plants from it.

Russell has produced solid colors of brilliant shades and bicolors of striking contrasts. Giant blossoms measuring 8 and 9 inches across have been produced in countless color combinations.

RUSSELL GARDENS, SPRING, TEXAS

The Russell Dwarfs

Want some dwarfs, some small varieties to grow in front of your borders? I don't mean the little early common yellow ones, but some tiny little things whose bloom stems and all don't exceed two feet and some of them one foot. I am happy to be able to offer again with this collection Red Rapture and Little Imp. I have been working many, many years to get these dwarf varieties, and I'm sure you will love them all.

LITTLE IMP. Dormant.

This gorgeous canary-yellow is similar to Gold Dust, but blooms about two months later and is certainly more graceful, the plant not being so stiff but droops gracefully as do many of the giants. Its lovely $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch blooms are more open. Its petals are light canary-yellow and its sepals a deeper buttercup-yellow. Ht. 15 inches. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

ANNETTE. Dormant.

Mahogany-red, almost a black-red. This lovely 6-inch flower has a deep, wide chrome throat. Its height is only 20 inches, which is quite unusual for a Daylily in this color class. April, May and June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

CALCUTTA. Dormant.

Lovely overlapping petals of truly wine-red with a deep velvety sheen and a small golden throat. A very profuse bloomer. Truly a honey. $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bloom. Ht. 2 ft. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

GUEST STAR. Evergreen.

Big 7-inch flower with widest petals tapering to a twisted point. Opens full and is a solid self of an indescribable shade of purest canary-gold. The most beautiful yellow sepals are slightly recurved. Ht. 2 ft. May. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

MY BUDDIE. Dormant.

The small 3-inch blooms are of a rich velvety mahogany-red, with ruffled petals and a sulphur-yellow throat. The petals and sepals are slightly recurved. Ht. 2 ft. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

OUR PET. Dormant.

Yes, this is everybody else's pet too, for its height is only about 24 inches and the flowers look like little butterflies. Tiny $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bloom of rich deep yellow overcast orange-red, with a fiery red eye zone. One of the most profuse bloomers. April to June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

PRAIRIE GOLD. Evergreen.

This beautiful canary-yellow with its wide, 4-inch blooms is another semi-dwarf growing less than 2 feet. It can really be considered a fall bloomer, for it blooms for us in August and is ablaze with bloom when almost all other mid-season varieties are gone. Keeps well far into the night. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

RED RAPTURE. Dormant.

This lovely rich brown-red Daylily is only 3 inches across, with its deep rich yellow throat extending through its petals—its sepals are yellow slightly overcast brown. The first little semi-bicolor in the midget class. Only 12 inches in height. Offered again after stock is replenished. We believe this is the dwarfest colored midget grown. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

RUSSELL'S MINUET. Dormant.

A dwarf Daylily with $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch blooms, ideal for rock gardens or the foreground of border. The wide petals are rich rose, ruffled, with a yellow stripe down the center. The sepals are pale canary. A fast multiplier. Stems stand stiff and erect and are simply enveloped in bloom. Ht. 20 to 24 in. May, June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50. See page 16 for photo.

SPITFIRE. Evergreen.

Seems never to stop blooming here. I have actually seen this variety have four complete bloom seasons. The petals are of a fiery red, the sepals being slightly lighter and the throat yellow. $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bloom. Ht. 2 ft. A very profuse bloomer. April, May and June. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

SPRING PARADE. Dormant.

The $4\frac{1}{2}$ -inch bloom has intensely ruffled petals of true raspberry color with a deeper eye zone and deep veins running through each wide twisted petal; huge apple-green throat and rosy brown sepals. Ht. 2 ft. April, May. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50.

TAJ MAHAL. Evergreen.

Rich chrome with a velvety sheen and wide eye zone of richest purple-red. Grows only 2 feet high and is a blaze of bloom. One of the jewels in our fields. Combined with lemon, is especially pleasing. Multiplies fast. 5-inch bloom. Very early. \$1.00 each; 3 for \$2.50. See page 19 for photo.



A clump of Daylilies after growing in your garden a second season. Should show more bloom each year for many years if left undisturbed.



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The New 1951 Spotlight Strain

Reds, Wines, Maroons, Purples and Bicolors

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This new Spotlight Series is the result of crossing and recrossing the best of the widest-petaled Hybrids. Here you will find entirely new color combinations and deeper colors—reds, wines, rose and contrasting tones of unusual richness—and not a solid yellow in the lot. If you want real beauty but care nothing about names, then by all means take advantage of this offer. These hybrids have a varied blooming season and should give you five months or more of bloom after becoming established. They grow from 2 to 3 feet high. Sold in mixture only. The photographs above will give you some idea of what you will get in color and petal width.

CONCERNING THESE PHOTOGRAPHS

The complaint is often made that catalog pictures are exaggerated and over-flattering to the actual bloom, but in our case the exact opposite is true.

It is impossible for even a good Kodachrome to

do justice to the velvety sheen of the Daylily, and truly the only way for you to get any conception of the beauty of these flowers is to see them for yourself in your own garden.

We pay transportation on all orders amounting to \$3.00 or more; otherwise please add 35c for postage and packing. We reserve the right to reject any orders or parts thereof, depending upon the condition of our stock and whether it has been sold out at the time of ordering. In such a case your money will be refunded. We acknowledge all orders promptly.



The New 1951 Sun Glow Series

The years spent cross breeding Daylilies have taught us that while the yellows certainly do predominate, it's still the hardest to obtain in a worthwhile variety. We have selected from more than 100,000 hybrids, a few choice ones to name. Some of these offered here are entirely too much like those more expensive varieties in these colors that have already been named for us to ever name these for general distribution. Therefore, those of you who want magnificent effects in your garden in cool lemon and gold shades, and care nothing for names, take advantage of this offer. By no means do we ever offer a plant in this series until it's been checked, checked, and double checked. They are unsurpassed as cut flowers in that they remain open so much longer in the evening than do the ordinary varieties. These varieties will be of varied heights and will be of varied blooming season, sold in a mixture only.

6 for \$3.00

12 for \$5.00

25 for \$9.00

100 for \$35.00

Those who order them in the hundred lots and prefer group plantings, we will give you 10 of one variety in 10 different shades or 5 each of 20 varieties of this color group in excellent blooming size plants for \$37.50 sent postpaid.



The Ballerina Series

This is an entirely new series consisting of the loveliest shades from soft pastels through the deepest salmon, rose, and tints of pink, and combinations of the above colors. Some will be lighter in these color shades than the photograph shows and some will be darker, but all in pastel shades, and not the darker intense colors. The red and yellow flowers were placed in this photograph purposely but are not included in this series. They were placed here merely to give you a comparison of these lovely pastels with bolder colors. Plant some of these even in the severest and coldest climates and get a glimpse of one of the choicest of my entire collections. Those of you who want real beauty and care nothing for names should by all means consider this series. There are no reds, wines, purples, or solid yellows in the lot. It's simply that these varieties are too similar to some of the most costly ones that have already been named by us to name these for the market. These colors will satisfy the most discriminating people who like softest colors as garden subjects and cut flowers in any home. These are right in the class with many named varieties that some nurseries are asking \$3.00, \$5.00, and even \$10.00 each for. We will not have these in sufficient quantities to sell other than to home gardeners, and under no circumstances will we allow any discount on this series to any nursery. Not more than twelve plants of this series allowed a single client. Each variety will be different.

6 for \$5.00

12 for \$9.00



Special Color Group Offer

10 DISTINCT COLORS FOR \$8.50

3 of one kind in 10 colors (30 plants) 3 groups, \$20.00

Would you really like to begin a lovely collection of Daylilies in ten different colors, every one named varieties, correctly labeled, at a price unheard of for such varieties? If, after seeing so many varieties in print and color photos, you feel incapable of selecting those that might please you most, then allow us to select for you these ten colors. You will find on this and page 8 some of the varieties as well as hundreds more magnificent ones included in this offer: 1 Deep Mahogany-Red, 1 Old-Rose, 1 Wine, 1 Rich Chinese Red, 1 Deep Raspberry, 1 Giant Palest Lemon, 1 Canary-Gold, 1 Chrome, 1 Rose-Pink and 1 Salmon. We'll send these all in excellent blooming-size plants, postpaid for \$8.50. The varieties we will send will be from stock in the fields that we happen to have the most of at the time you order regardless of their prices—all will be named varieties, labeled. I promise you will have a treat in store if you will allow us this privilege. Under no circumstances will we ever send you a plant in this collection that is currently priced by us at less than \$1.00 and some too rare to even list yet; in some cases they will be priced up to \$3.00 and \$4.00 each, if bought separately, but these must be bought in the ten-color group to get this offer. We will not sell less than this collection of ten at this price.



SHELL OIL COMPANY'S LABORATORY, HOUSTON, TEXAS
PLANTING OF RUSSELL DAYLILIES

Russell's Naturalizing Groups FOR MASS PLANTING

ATTENTION: Owners of estates, city parks and commercial buildings.

Mixed Daylilies are not pretty as are no other flowers unless kept in separate color groups. For those of you who want mass effects in a single color and care nothing for names, then by all means take advantage of this offer. You who wish to use Daylilies in quantities for larger gardens, where you'd want to use as many as 100 plants may have 5 each of 20 varieties, or 10 each of 10 varieties, all varieties packed separately; or if you'd want 500 plants, you may have 5 each of 100 varieties, or 10 each of 50 varieties, all varieties packed separately; or if you'd want 1000 plants, you may have 10 each of 100 varieties. This way, planting them in groups of 5 or 10 of one kind will give you a mass effect. State your preference as to colors—"lemon and gold shades," "red and wine shades," or "pastel shades," or a combination of all colors in all the shades. These we can furnish you at \$37.50 a hundred, or \$175.00 for five hundred, or \$300.00 a thousand. These will all come to you with the separate varieties tied separately. Those that buy them in hundred and thousand lots may have them labeled as to color shades if they prefer, such as "lemons and golds," "reds and wines," and "pastels." This is a wonderful offer, and these varieties will be selected from our fields among the loveliest Daylilies. We could offer varieties much cheaper than this—we've got plenty of that type—but they are simply not worthy as garden subjects. and are never sold at any price. Note the difference in good and bad varieties on page 27. The plants we send you we aim for you to love and cherish always. Just ask for "Naturalizing Group" when ordering these. Complete planting instructions sent with all orders.

100 for \$37.50 • 500 for \$175.00
1000 for \$300.00



WHAT YOU DON'T WANT IN DAYLILIES

We are attempting to show you in this little catalog actual photographs of Daylilies we consider worthy, and also a photograph of a useless variety. Notice it at the left—how it folds up here under our Texas sun. You will not find any like this even in our mixtures; only those that can “take it” are put in these series. Our Texas-grown plants, those we consider worthy garden subjects, are proved hardy from Maine to California, and when they hold up after our rigid tests in the Texas sun you can be sure you have something worth having. As to their hardiness, we get enough freeze to burst unprotected water pipes and to kill out many weak Daylilies, yet enough heat in the summer to show up a Daylily that can't “take it.” The plants we send out are all hardy, blooming-size plants, and all orders amounting to \$3.00 or more are sent postpaid; otherwise, send 35c for postage.

NO PRIZES OR PREMIUMS

We send no prizes, or premiums—just good quality and your full money's worth. Fresh dug plants from yearly transplanted stock.

Excerpt from an article by Marguerite Palmer, Garden Editor of *The Houston Press*

Lily Farm at Spring Proves Worth to Houston Area; Many New Varieties Developed

Mrs. R. C. Meysenburg, 5401 Caroline, who has been horticultural adviser for the Southwest region of the Garden Club of America, has become an enthusiast in planting the Russell hybrids and one garden bed is filled with the choicest varieties. She is proud of her Red Emperor, “so appropriately named,” she said, “for the blossoms are very large, with reddish brown colorings.”

There is no reason for anyone to tire of the colorings of Daylilies, for they are so varied. Too, they do not usurp the garden, for the hybrids do not send out runners and they remain in compact clumps. The division can be left alone from year to year,

making larger clumps and producing more blooms each season.

Another interesting feature of the Daylilies is their hardiness; they flourish under a varied range of soil and climatic conditions. Wet or dry, acid or lime, sand or clay, sun or shade, they pursue their habit of giving charm to the garden, and strange to say, they have no attractions for insects.

Shipments have been made by Mr. Russell to every state in the Union besides Canada and Mexico. The industry has grown until it has become an asset to industrial Houston.



WHAT YOU DO WANT IN DAYLILIES



IMPORTANT—*Please Note!*

The first flowers on a newly planted Daylily will not give you a full conception of the true character of that particular variety, for they are usually small and in some cases not so intense in color as they will be after becoming established. Give them a full season's growth before you pass judgment, and I believe you will say that they are the most beautiful flowers and the easiest to grow that you have ever tried.

Many people make the mistake of dividing Daylily clumps when they are no larger than that in the photograph shown here. This clump has grown one year after being transplanted; it must have produced 50 to 75 blooms, and surely will produce several hundred after becoming established in your garden. Remember ours are tested and are fully hardy in the extreme sections of the north.



A Year After Transplanting

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See page 9 for 1951 Introductions

Excerpt from an article in *The Houston Press*, Friday, June 16, 1944

H. M. Russell Farm Writes Horticultural History with Variety of New Lilies

H. M. Russell at the Russell Daylily farm near Spring, only 23 miles from Houston, has been making history in the horticultural world with many of his new hybrids. His new achievement is to make the Daylily forget its habit of closing up for the night.

At his farm with more than a million plants all nodding in the sunshine and showing a wide range of colors, there are many lilies named for Houstonians. The Mrs. B. F. Bonner, produced in 1942, is one of the finest lilies. It has a pale yellow shade and has been pronounced by authorities to excel the splendid Hyperion, so well known in the Daylily world. Its bloom is large and holds well, appearing profusely in May and June.

The Pride of Houston has dark mahogany-red petals with almost black eye zone. The throat is deep

orange with the sepals a lighter shade. The Black Prince is so dark in its red that it appears almost black.

The Purple Flash, Purple Sage, Purple Waters bespeak their colorings in their names with Santa Fe, Juarez, Twinkle, San Felipe having red shadings. Some of the lilies are bicolored; some have ruffled petals. There are so many variations that it is almost unbelievable that they have been hybridized from the old-fashioned "Custard Lily," found in Southern gardens.

The true value of the Daylilies is their hardiness. They will flourish under a varied range of soil and climatic conditions. Wet or dry, acid or lime, sun or shade, sand or clay, these lilies will hold their own and will continue to grow in clumps for many years without any special culture.



Note the size, shape and form of the blooms

The Easiest Plants on Earth to Grow

Daylilies are the answer for planting that long bed that you have been trying to fill up and to plant it for keeps. Perhaps you need lots of color among your shrubbery borders or along the bank of a lake. Try planting Daylilies in hot patios or in that shady place where nothing else will grow. They need no coddling and will

take hold immediately after transplanting if watered well once or twice. Best of all, perhaps, is the fact that Daylilies are not bothered with any insect pests or diseases, and you are therefore saved the trouble and expense of spraying and dusting.

We send only excellent blooming-size plants, all postpaid. Plant early for next season's bloom.

Why Do We Know Our Daylilies Are So Hardy and Will Grow and Thrive All Over America?

I once asked an insurance man "Why do you sell such big policies?" and his answer was "I talk big policies as well as the fact that I work hard and get a lot of little scattered policies," and that reminded me of some of my doings. I have talked Daylilies to big people and sold orders in 10,000 and 20,000 lots for private gardens, the same as I am talking to you here now about big and little orders, (we like both kinds) and for that reason we've got these huge plantings in the four corners of America. We'd be happy to give you a list of five gardens alone in which there are 60,000 Russell Daylilies planted, two of the bigger ones being in Detroit and Oklahoma City, as well as thousands of bigger than average orders scattered all over the United States, and last but not least, 80% of all the nurseries in the United States who handle Daylilies show that over 50% of their listings are our originations. This goes from Maine to California. We catered to wholesale in the past but our business has gotten so large now that it's our desire to sell direct to you. Then too, I planted for myself in Indiana several years ago over 600 varieties of Daylilies of which not one was lost, and I brought back to this nursery in 1949, over 60,000 from Wisconsin, of which every one is thriving. The size plants we ship you, regardless of how far north you live, even in the coldest parts of Minnesota and the Dakotas, will thrive and give you abundant blooms in your garden.

The picture at the right was made at night about 15 years ago to show the old varieties of Daylilies that close at night and those developed by Mr. Russell that remain open. This was the beginning of the hybrids that keep open in the evening and are therefore useful as cut flowers—and this is why the Russell varieties top them all for their keeping qualities. All prices listed here void all previous lists.



RUSSELL FIRSTS

- First to issue an all-color catalog of Daylilies exclusively.
- First to produce a Daylily (Queen of Gonzales) that would stay open all night.
- First to plant as many as 10,000 Daylilies (over 100 varieties) for one private estate. We planted 33,000 on seven private estates.
- First in putting the new Daylilies before the public—over \$100,000 spent for advertising and catalogs.
- First in sales—over 150,000 people have requested our catalog

Daylilies as Cut Flowers

No garden subject is so satisfactory as the Russell Daylilies for cutting. After the stalks are placed in water they will last two or three weeks in the house and almost every bud will open. This makes them extremely useful for the dinner table, as our new varieties remain open so much longer in the evening. There is a fresh supply of newly opened blooms every morning for quite some time.

Use the ruler below to get an accurate idea of the size of Daylilies



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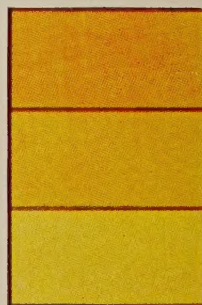
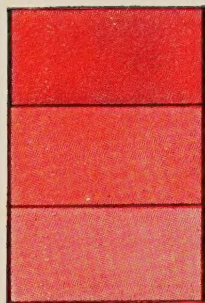
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While these color pictures are all good, they cannot do justice to the real flowers because they do not show the velvety petal texture. The beauty of all these blooms is underrated rather than exaggerated.

These color blocks, made especially for us, show the range of color in the Russell Pastels and Yellows.



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